GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:235
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000
ANNAPURNA SCHEME
R.L. JALAPPA;TARACHAND BHAGORA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have launched Annapurna Scheme for the benefit of old persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of senior citizens provided food security so far, State-wise;

(d) whether the funds allocated for 2000-2001 to States/UTs under this scheme are being misused;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details of the action taken against the officials found guilty in the matter; and
(g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits reach the needy persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 235 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2000

The Government of India have, with effect from Ist April, 2000, launched the Annapurna Scheme which envisages provision of 10 kgs. of foodgrains per month , free of cost, to destitutes aged 65 years and above who are not covered by any Pension Scheme. The number of persons benefitting from the Scheme are not, for the present, to exceed 20% of the pensioners covered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)Since, under the NOAPS, 68.81 lakh beneficiaries are to be covered, thisimplies that 13.762 lakh beneficiaries would be eligible for coverage under the Annapurna Scheme.

2. Funds amounting to Rs.100 crores have been provided for the Schemein the Budget for the year, 2000-2001. It has recently been decided that foodgrains under Annapurna and other Welfare Schemes would be made available by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) at the Central Issue Price ofice and wheat for BPL families, enabling coverage of 13. 47 lakh beneficiaries (Statement at Annexure I). Funds to the extent of Rs 82.00 crores have so far been released to 20 States (Statement at Annexure II).

3. While the Union Ministry of Rural Development are responsible for the Schemeat the Central level, the State Food & Civil Supplies Departments are the nodal Departments for implementing the same in the States. Funds under the Scheme are to be released by the Centre in one Instalment to the State nodal Departmentswho have then to tie up the release of foodgrains, district-wise, with the FCI. The District Collector is responsible for the collection of foodgrains from the nearest FCI godown for distribution to beneficiaries through Fair Price Shops.

4. While no reports in regard to misuse of funds and the like have so far been received, in order to ensure that benefits reach the needy, the Guidelines on the Programme are explicit in respect ofthe role of the Gram Panchayats in providing wide publicity to the Scheme and disseminating information as to the procedure for securing benefits under the same. The Guidelines also provide that the selection of beneficiaries as well as the distribution of Entitlement Cards take place in the Gram Sabha Meetings and that the lists of the beneficiaries, so selected, are displayed in the Gram Panchayats. A detailed accounting system has also been prescribed in the Guidelines. Funds are to be released (by the Ministry of Rural Development) to the State Governments subject to their furnishing necessary Utilization Certificates for the preceding year, duly vetted by the Accountant General of the State concerned. The State Authorities are to release monies to the FCI, based on reports received from the FCI in regard to the position of lifting of foodgrains, duly verified with independent reports received from the Collector`s Office. The State Governments are required to report allocation and lifting, district-wise, every Quarter, to the Union Ministry of Rural Development.

Statement with reference to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 235 to be Answered on 5-12-2000

Annapurna Numerical Ceilings and Qualifying Financial Entitlements for States/UTs using average cost of Rs.4.90 per Kg.

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	Numerical Ceiling under NOAPS	Numerical Ceiling under Annapurna	Quantitative Entitlement Economic Cost Annapurna (Rs.4.90 per Kg.)	Sales Tax @10%	Transportation cost	Total Financial	Financial Entitlement for the year 2000-2001	Quantitative Entitlement during 2000-2001	Quantitative Cost (Rs. 4.9 per Kg.) As on 1-4-2000	Sales Tax @10%	Economic Cost for the year 2000-2001	Sales Money for the year 2000-2001	Transportation Expenditure 2000-2001	Programme Allocation 2000-2001	Adm.	Total
		(Persons)	(120 Kg./Person)					(Persons)	(120 Kg per person)				(Rs.)	(Rs.)	(Rs.)		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(11)	(12)	(13)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	466000	93200	11184000	54801600	5480160	5592000	65873760	84948	10193713	49949196	4994920	5096857	60040972	2401639	62442611	
2	Bihar	833009	166601	19992120	97961388	9796138.8	9996060	117753587	151849	18221919	89287403	8928740	9110960	107327103	4293084	111620187	
3	Goa	4500	900	108000	529200	52920	54000	636120	820	98437	482342	48234	49219	579795	23192	602987	
4	Gujarat	221600	44320	5318400	26060160	2606016	2659200	31325376	40396	4847483	23752665	2375266	2423741	28551673	1142067	29693739	
5	Haryana	86300	17260	2071200	10148880	1014888	1035600	12199368	15732	1887806	9250248	925025	943903	11119176	444767	11563943	
6	Himachal Pradesh	38100	7620	914400	4480560	448056	457200	5385816	6945	833435	4083829	408383	416717	4908929	196357	5105286	
7	J & K	51100	10220	1226400	6009360	600936	613200	7223496	9315	1117808	5477262	547726	558904	6583892	263356	6847248	
8	Jharkhand	274691	54939	6592680	32304132	3230413.2	3296340	38830885	50074	6008932	29443765	2944376	3004466	35392607	1415704	36808311	
8	Karnataka	340200	68040	8164800	40007520	4000752	4082400	48090672	62015	7441848	36465057	3646506	3720924	43832487	1753299	45585786	
9	Kerala	224900	44980	5397600	26448240	2644824	2698800	31791864	40997	4919670	24106382	2410638	2459835	28976855	1159074	30135930	
10	Madhya Pradesh	599000	119800	14376000	70442400	7044240	7188000	84674640	109192	13103078	64205082	6420508	6551539	77177129	3087085	80264215	
11	Maharashtra	669800	133960	16075200	78768480	7876848	8037600	94682928	122099	14651822	71793930	7179393	7325911	86299234	3451969	89751204	
12	Orissa	324000	64800	7776000	38102400	3810240	3888000	45800640	59062	7087475	34728625	3472863	3543737	41745225	1669809	43415034	
13	Punjab	62300	12460	1495200	7326480	732648	747600	8806728	11357	1362808	6677757	667776	681404	8026937	321077	8348014	
14	Rajasthan	237500	47500	5700000	27930000	2793000	2850000	33573000	43294	5195294	25456940	2545694	2597647	30600281	1224011	31824292	
15	Tamilnadu	430300	86060	10327200	50603280	5060328	5163600	60827208	78440	9412779	46122616	4612262	4706389	55441267	2217651	57658917	
16	Uttar Pradesh	1255200	251040	30124800	147611520	14761152	15062400	177435072	228812	27457402	134541267	13454127	13728701	161724095	6468964	168193059	
17	West Bengal	478400	95680	11481600	56259840	5625984	5740800	67626624	87208	10464962	51278316	5127832	5232481	61638629	2465545	64104174	
18	A & N Islands	2800	560	67200	329280	32928	33600	395808	510	61250	300124	30012	30625	360761	14430	375192	
19	Chandigarh	2200	440	52800	258720	25872	26400	310992	401	48125	235812	23581	24062	283455	11338	294793	
20	D & N Haveli	1900	380	45600	223440	22344	22800	268584	346	41562	203656	20366	20781	244802	9792	254594	
21	Daman & Diu	400	80	9600	47040	4704	4800	56544	73	8750	42875	4287	4375	51537	2061	53599	
22	NCT Delhi	40200	8040	964800	4727520	472752	482400	5682672	7328	879372	4308922	430892	439686	5179500	207180	5386680	
23	Lakshadweep	300	60	7200	35280	3528	3600	42408	55	6562	32156	3216	3281	38653	1546	40199	
24	Pondicherry	7900	1580	189600	929040	92904	94800	1116744	1440	172812	846778	84678	86406	1017862	40714	1058576	
Total		6652600	1330520	159662400	782345760	78234576	79831200	940411536	1212709	145525103	713073005	71307300	72762552	857142857	34285714	891428571	
25	Arunachal Pradesh	9200	1840	220800	1081920	108192	110400	1300512	5428	651309	3191414	319141	325655	3836210	153448	3989659	
26	Assam	133200	26640	3196800	15664320	1566432	1598400	18829152	78582	9429823	46206132	4620613	4714911	55541656	2221666	57763322	
27	Manipur	16600	3320	398400	1952160	195216	199200	2346576	9793	1175188	5758422	575842	587594	6921858	276874	7198732	
28	Meghalaya	17900	3580	429600	2105040	210504	214800	2530344	10560	1267221	6209383	620938	633610	7463931	298557	7762489	
29	Mizoram	5000	1000	120000	588000	58800	60000	706800	2950	353972	1734464	173446	176986	2084897	83396	2168293	
30	Nagaland	13000	2600	312000	1528800	152880	156000	1837680	7669	920328	4509607	450961	460164	5420732	216829	5637561	
31	Sikkim	4800	960	115200	564480	56448	57600	678528	2832	339813	1665086	166509	169907	2001501	80060	2081561	
32	Tripura	28700	5740	688800	3375120	337512	344400	4057032	16932	2031801	9955826	995583	1015901	11967309	478692	12446001	
Total		228400	45680	5481600	26859840	2685984	2740800	32286624	134745	16169456	79230334	7923033	8084728	95238095	3809524	99047619	
Grand Total		6881000	1376200	165144000	809205600	80920560	82572000	972698160	1347455	161694559	792303339	79230334	80847279	952380952	38095238	990476190	

New State

Programme Money	972698160
Administrative cost	48634908
Total	1021333068